



**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

Patrice GOMBERT et al.

Group Art Unit: 3727

Application No.: 09/824,051

Examiner: S. J. Castellano

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Docket No.: 109149

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A TANK OF THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL  
INCLUDING A PORTION IN RELIEF FOR MOUNTING AN ATTACHMENT, AND A  
TANK MANUFACTURED THEREBY

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.

In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that INERGY AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS RESEARCH, SOCIETE ANONYME is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 015908, Frame 0772.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.36(a), submission of this Power of Attorney revokes any and all powers of attorney previously given.

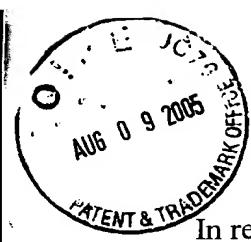
**ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD  
BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944, TELEPHONE  
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**INERGY AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS RESEARCH, SOCIETE ANONYME,**

owner or  co-owner of the entire right, title and interest in the above patent application  
by virtue of:

- a.  being an inventor, or
- b.  an Assignment
  - i.  copy attached, or
  - ii.  recorded at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_ of the Patent Office microfilm records,

hereby appoints the patent practitioners associated with Oliff & Berridge, PLC Customer No. 25944 as attorneys of record to prosecute this application and all continuations and divisions thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office.

The undersigned has reviewed the chain of title and confirms that the aforesaid title is in the owner. The undersigned is authorized to execute this document as or on behalf of the owner.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION  
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April 20, 2005  
Date

Signature

Typed Name: Jean-François SERRIER  
Title: Authorized representative  
(if acting on behalf of an Owner)

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Compagnie Plastic Omnium, a company established under the laws of France whose address is 19 Avenue Jules Carteret, F-69007 Lyon, FRANCE (hereinafter called "Assignor") is the owner by assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at the Reel and Frame(s) indicated below of the following Letters Patent(s) and/or patent application(s) (hereinafter called "Patent Properties"):

<u>Application or Patent</u>	<u>Named</u> <u>Inventors</u>	<u>Reel</u> <u>and Frame</u>
5,932,166, issued August 3, 1999	Geoffroy BOUSSELIN Claude LEVIEL	8666/0001
6,527,892, issued March 4, 2003	Patrice GOMBERT Stephanie MARCHAL Alain GRIS Claude LEVIEL Philippe GRIAUD	012040/0554
10/340,610, filed January 13, 2003	Patrice GOMBERT Stephanie MARCHAL Alain GRIS Claude LEVIEL Philippe GRIAUD	012040/0554
6,626,156, issued September 30, 2003	Alexis ROSSEEL	011656/0745
6,412,511, issued July 2, 2002	Alexis ROSSEEL	011723/0396
09/824,051, filed April 3, 2001	Patrice GOMBERT Alexis ROSSEEL	011880/0223
6,499,500, issued December 31, 2002	Alexis ROSSEEL	012071/0439
09/843,809, filed April 30, 2001	Jean-Luc TAUREL Eric FIRTION	012149/0724

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title identified above; and to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignor. The undersigned is empowered to sign this Assignment on behalf of the Assignor.

WHEREAS, Inergy Automotive Systems Research, Societe Anonyme, a company established under the laws of Belgium, whose address is 310, rue de Ransbeek, B-1120, Bruxelles, Belgium (hereinafter called "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions, in and to said Patent Properties (and/or patents that may be granted therefrom), including any and all provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuation, design, confirmation, substitute and reissue application(s) or extensions of the same.

Now, To All Whom It May Concern: Be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States, its territories, dependencies and possessions, in and to said Patent Properties (and/or patents that may be granted therefrom), and any and all provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuation, design, confirmation, substitute and reissue application(s) or extensions thereof; the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of said Patent Properties with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and for the use of its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

Assignor agrees that this assignment is binding on Assignor and its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

Assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue any Letters Patent of the United States, resulting from said Patent Properties and any confirmations, divisions, continuations, reexaminations, reissues or extensions thereof, to Assignee.

Assignor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning said Patent Properties (and/or patents that may be granted therefrom), or any confirmation, division, continuation, reexamination or reissue thereof, and to cooperate with Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

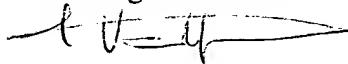
Assignor covenants that it has full right to convey the interest herein assigned and that it has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

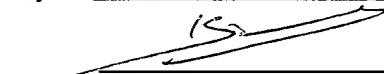
Assignor agrees to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

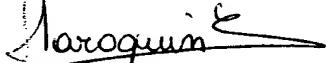
Assignor agrees to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain, maintain or confirm by reissue or reexamination a grant of a valid United States patent to Assignee.

Assignor grants the firm of OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC of Alexandria, Virginia the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

This Assignment is effective as of the 4th day of March, 2005.

  
Witness Anne VANDÉ GUCHT

  
Signature  
Officer of Assignor

  
Witness Corine MAROQUIN

Jean-François SERRIER  
Typewritten Name of Officer

Authorized representative  
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